

What is claimed is:

1. A method for generating metadata objects, said method comprising:

displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information

5 therein; and

providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

10 converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

parsing the comma separated value file to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

15 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

4. A method for generating metadata objects, said method

20 comprising:

displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information and one or more metadata directives therein; and

providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

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5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:  
converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file  
in response to an activation of the command; and  
parsing the comma separated value file in accordance with the  
5 one or more metadata directives to thereby generate the metadata objects  
from the metadata information.
6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:  
inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in  
10 response to a reception of the metadata information; and  
inputting the one or more metadata directives into the  
spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more metadata  
directives.
7. A computer for generating metadata objects, said computer  
15 comprising:  
means for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata  
information therein; and  
means for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the  
20 spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.
8. The computer of claim 7, further comprising:  
means for converting the spreadsheet into the comma  
separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and  
25 means for parsing the comma separated value file to thereby  
generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

9. The computer of claim 7, further comprising:  
means for inputting the metadata information into the  
spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

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10. A computer for generating metadata objects, said computer  
comprising:

means for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata  
information and one or more metadata directives therein; and

10 means for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the  
spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
means for converting the spreadsheet into the comma  
15 separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and  
means for parsing the comma separated value file in  
accordance with the one or more metadata directives to thereby generate the  
metadata objects from the metadata information.

20 12. The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
means for inputting the metadata information into the  
spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information; and  
means for inputting the one or more metadata directives into the  
spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more metadata  
25 directives.

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13. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects, said computer program product comprising:  
computer readable code for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information therein; and

5 computer readable code for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:  
computer readable code for converting the spreadsheet into the  
10 comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and  
computer readable code for parsing the comma separated value file to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:  
15 computer readable code for inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

16. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects, said computer program product comprising:  
20 computer readable code for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information and one or more metadata directives therein; and  
computer readable code for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
computer readable code for converting the spreadsheet into the  
comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and  
computer readable code for parsing the comma separated value  
5 file in accordance with the one or more metadata directives to thereby  
generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
computer readable code for inputting the metadata information  
10 into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information;  
and  
computer readable code for inputting the one or more metadata  
directives into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more  
metadata directives.

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